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1. Küstrin (V66), 10-12 October 1948

a. During the night of 10-11 October, a westbound freight train passed through Küstrin with 22 open and 13 closed cars; each open car hauled two 122-mm guns, FK 31/37; closed cars were believed to contain ammunition and gun spare parts. On 12 October, this train was unloaded at Kloster Zinna (E69).

b. On 12 October, a westbound freight of 13 cars passed through Küstrin-Kietz. Each car was loaded with two 85-mm AT guns. This train was unloaded at the Forst Zinna Bahnhof (E69).

25X1X6 [REDACTED] Comment: Since early October great amounts of war material, chiefly artillery and AT equipment, have been unloaded at all stations around Luckenwalde (Z70) and subsequently moved to the Kummersdorf Artillery Range (Z80.)

2. Luckenwalde (Z70), 12-13 October

a. A troop camp is being established approximately 1.5 kilometers west of Luckenwalde, between Frankenförde and Frankenfelde (Z60). At present, only engineer and repair troops are in the area.

b. A signal unit, believed to be an understrength battalion, occupies the Norddeutsche Metallwarenfabrik in Luckenwalde. Signal equipment is being repaired in this plant. Vehicles: C 8-82 and C 8-84 series.

c. A supply depot is housed on the Winterfeldstrasse. Vehicles: E 2-48, 78-82, and 78-84. A large military bakery at Holzstrasse 3 supplies troops in the Luckenwalde-Jüterbog area.

3. Fürstenwalde (V33), 25 October

An AA detachment in Fürstenwalde is subordinate to an artillery corps in Rathenow (Z15). The AA barracks are being reconstructed.

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Troop strength in Eberswalde is estimated at approximately 12,000 men. An army staff occupies the Prinz Friedrich Karl Barracks; its quartermaster and supply section is in the artillery barracks on the road to Bad Freienwalde. A divisional staff is located in the latter town.

5. Finow (V08), 25 October

Occupied by approximately eighty YAK fighters and twenty PO-2's. Most activity consists of training flights.

6. Neustrelitz (U54), 19 October

Troops wearing black tabs/red piping and apparently belonging to a mechanized division are entering Neustrelitz. A high staff is located in the Zisterstrasse and the same street holds a tank repair unit, an engineer battalion, a fuel dump with 300 barrels of gasoline, and a subterranean fuel dump of unknown capacity. Tank cars delivering fuel were in the B 2-09 and B 2-21 series. Other Neustrelitz vehicles: C 8-38, C 8-56, E 1-23, and T 3-33, the latter in a majority of cases. Units and equipment were still arriving on 19 October.

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[REDACTED] Comment: Source has not indicated whether the above means that new troops have arrived or 9 Guards Tank Division has returned from summer maneuvers. Vehicle numbers reported cannot be verified from information on hand.)

7. Rathenow (Z15), 10-20 October

An artillery brigade occupies the former transport barracks. It is equipped with sixty-eight 152-mm guns, type 37, and approximately sixty tow tractors. The commander of one unit within this brigade is Lt. Colonel Busharenko. Vehicles are in the E 5-40 and E 5-41 series. The barracks fuel supply consists of approximately 135,000 liters stored in three large drums.

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([REDACTED] Comment: This is clearly an element of IV Artillery Corps, whose new vehicle numbers have not been identified as yet.)

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